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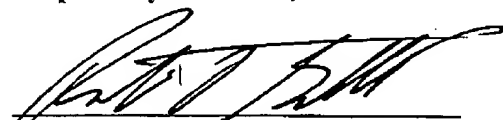
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Applicant: Pocker et al.
Entitled: ENERGY GRADIENT ION BEAM DEPOSITION OF CARBON
OVERCOATS ON RIGID DISK MEDIA FOR MAGNETIC RECORDINGS
Atty. Docket No. SJO990197US1

COMMENTS: Attached for filing with the USPTO is an **Amendment After Final Office Action** for the referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,


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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.